

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2016**



The meeting of September 12, 2016 was held at 10:00 a.m. at the Los Angeles County Arts Commission, 1055 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 800, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

Present: Pamela Bright-Moon
Betty Haagen
Eric Hanks
Bettina Korek
Alis Clausen Odenthal
David Valdez
Hope Warschaw
Rosalind Wyman

Absent: Constance Jolcuvar (excused)
Helen Hernandez (excused)
Peter Lesnik (excused)
Claudia Margolis (excused)
Kathryn McDonnell (excused)
Claire Peeps (excused)
Norma Provencio Pichardo (excused)

Staff Present: Laura Zucker, Executive Director
Miriam Gonzalez, Executive Assistant
Anji Gaspar-Milanovic, Director of Grants and Professional Development
Talia Gibas, Professional Development Program Manager
Adam Davis, Managing Director of Productions, Ford Amphitheatre
Susannah Laramée Kidd, Research Analyst, Mellon/ACLA Fellow
Matthew Agustin, Research Coordinator, Arts for All
Grace Ramirez-Gaston, Director of Civic Art

President Korek called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Absentee Excuses

Roll was taken and on a motion by Commissioner Clausen Odenthal, seconded by Commissioner Hanks, the excused absences for the meeting of September 12, 2016 were unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion made by Commissioner Clausen Odenthal, seconded by Commissioner Warschaw, the minutes for the meeting of June 13, 2016 were unanimously approved.

Correspondence

Secretary Haagen circulated six thank you letters from Organizational Grant Program recipients and Community Impact Arts recipients, thanking the LA County Board of Supervisors for grant awards received.

President's Items

President Korek asked Commissioners to review the 2017 Commission meeting dates in the packet.

President Korek announced the Arts Commission is seeking panelist nominations and nomination forms are due by September 19, 2016.

Ms. Gaspar-Milanovic, Director of Grants and Professional Development, gave an overview of the potential site visits for the January, February and March meetings. Commissioners reviewed the list and recommended site visits to ARTree Community Arts Center, Rancho Los Amigos Foundation, Inc. and Community Coalition, with a potential fourth site visit to the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts.

Executive Director

Laura Zucker introduced the new Director of Civic Art, Grace Ramirez-Gaston.

Adam Davis, Managing Director of Productions, gave an update on the Ford Theater season programming schedule.

Ms. Zucker gave an update on the Ford Theatre construction project. The Chief Executive Officer requested the Arts Commission submit a board letter to go before the board on September 13, 2016 requesting funding agreements to complete the Ford construction project. A copy of the board letter was distributed ([attached](#)).

Cultural Equity and Inclusion Initiative Update (CEII)

Ms. Zucker gave an update on CEII. A draft report with 16 recommendations was sent to the CEII Advisory Committee for their review. The CEII Advisory Group is scheduled to meet September 12, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. at the Lennox Library. The next iteration of the draft report will be brought to Commissioners for their consideration at the October 17, 2016 meeting.

Following discussion, Commissioner Warschaw requested Commissioners receive the current CEII draft report recommendations.

Approval of the 57th Annual Holiday Celebration

Adam Davis and Jennifer Fukutomi-Jones, Associate Program Manager, Community Events for the Ford Theatres, gave an overview of the proposed roster of artists for the 57th Annual Holiday Celebration Program. Ms. Fukutomi-Jones highlighted a few of the groups proposed on the roster.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Clausen Odenthal, seconded by Commissioner Hanks, and carried unanimously, to approve the proposed 57th Annual Holiday Celebration Artists ([attached](#)), authorize the Executive Director to make changes as may be required by production considerations and recommend approval by the Board of Supervisors. Ayes: Commissioners Clausen Odenthal, Hanks, Bright-Moon, Haagen, Korek, Valdez, Warschaw, and Wyman.

Professional Development Program Report

Anji Gaspar Milanovic, Director of Grants and Professional Development, and Talia Gibas, Professional Development Program Manager, gave an overview of the 2015-16 Professional Development Program Final Report ([attached](#)) and highlighted the work on behalf of the Professional Development Task Force that was implemented last year to streamline registration procedures and share data collection procedures across programs.

Arts Workforce Demographic Survey Findings

Susannah Laramie Kidd, Research Analyst and Mellon/ACLS Public Fellow, gave a presentation on the Workforce Survey that was collected from May 2016-July 2016. A final report on the results will be released by the end of the year.

Commissioner Items

None.

Public Comment

None.

The Arts Commission meeting of September 12, 2016 was adjourned at 12:00 p.m. on a motion by Commissioner Wyman, seconded by Commissioner Haagen, and unanimously approved.